



# The Narrows



*The number of Narrows through hikers has declined over the last five years. However, day-use upstream from the Temple of Sinawava has increased making the lower Narrows one of the busiest backcountry areas in the National Park System. As use changes new management alternatives may be needed.*

## Current Management Policies

- The Narrows from Chamberlain's Ranch to the mouth of Orderville Canyon lies within the Primitive Zone.
- Through hikes of The Narrows are limited to 80 day-hikers per day and 12 groups of backpackers per night.
- Camping is allowed in designated campsites.
- The group size limit is 12 people.
- Narrows backpackers are encouraged to carry their solid human waste out.
  - The lower Narrows from Mystery Canyon (1/4 mile north of the end of the Riverside Walk) to Orderville Canyon is within both the Transition Zone and recommended wilderness.
- There is no group size limit or limit on the total number of people who can enter The Narrows below Orderville Canyon. The number of people in this section can total in the thousands on a summer day.

## Issues to Consider

- In your experiences through The Narrows, are expectations for solitude balanced with current use limits between Chamberlain's Ranch and Orderville Canyon?
- The Transition Zone ends at the mouth of Orderville Canyon. Should upstream day travel from the lower Narrows above Orderville Canyon be allowed? Should numbers be limited by permit? What other methods could be used to manage the area?
- Is the current level of use between Mystery Canyon and Orderville Canyon appropriate in a recommended wilderness area?
- How can social trailing, soil, and vegetation loss be minimized?
- What human waste sanitation techniques should be required to assure safe water quality in streams and springs?